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Madison, Wisconsin -- Stephen P. Sinnott, Acting United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Timothy Nowaczyk, 28, of Wausau, Wisconsin, was sentenced today by Chief U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb to 6 months in prison, to be followed by three years of supervised release. On June 2, 2005, Nowaczyk pleaded guilty to possessing the chemical Safrole, knowing that it would be used to manufacture the controlled substance MDMA, commonly known as Ecstasy.

The charge against Timothy Nowaczyk was the result of an investigation conducted by the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and the United States Postal Inspection Service which resulted in the execution of a search warrant at Nowaczyk's apartment on High Ridge Trail in Madison in December 2003. The search resulted in the recovery of numerous items of laboratory glassware, tubing, funnels, and chemicals, all intended for the production of Ecstasy utilizing the Safrole. Nowaczyk admitted to the investigators that he had researched the production of Ecstasy and planned to manufacture the drug. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert A. Anderson.

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